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For :	REACTIVE POWDER COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR PURIFYING GAS)))
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Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action of May 17, 2001.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension. The requisite fee of \$920.00 is enclosed as a check. Should the fee be missing or should additional fees be due please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Filed concurrently herewith under separate cover is the DECLARATION (QATH by the inventors.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: NOV 0 8 2001

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 and 6 to read as follows:

1. (Thride Amended) Solid pulverulent reactive composition for the purification of a gas, comprising sodium bicarbonate and a caking inhibitor for sodium bicarbonate and being devoid of silica, said inhibitor comprising lignite coke and/or a magnesium

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